

FOR LIFE AND HONOR.

The Trial of a Former Akron Woman Begins.

Lola Ida Hemry Bonine Must Answer For a Young Man's Death.

Washington, Nov. 18.—(Spl.)—Tomorrow morning the United States government, represented by District Attorney Ashley M. Gould and his assistant, Hugh Taggart, will begin the task of attempting to prove that Mrs. Lola Ida Hemry Bonine is guilty of the willful and premeditated murder of James Seymour Ayres, jr.

The trial will be held before Justice Job Barnard, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and a jury selected from citizens of Washington. Mrs. Bonine's chief counsel is Chas. A. Douglass, a lawyer of local renown in the conduct of criminal cases. Associated with him, are Mr. Creed M. Fulton, and Mr. C. B. Keene, the latter entering the case on account of long friendship with the accused.

For six months, since the commission of the alleged crime on the morning of May 15, last, the government has been working up its case. Although it will call 60 witnesses against Mrs. Bonine, including the best detectives on the local force, so far as known at this time, these will be unable to shed any further light on the most absorbing mystery in the criminal history of Washington than that revealed by the defendant herself just prior to her arrest.

The indictment charges murder. If the jury finds her "guilty as indicted" Mrs. Bonine will suffer the death penalty.

Unless the attorneys for the government succeed in adducing further evi-

dence than that already in their possession, the general opinion here is that the most they can secure will be a verdict of manslaughter.

At present the principal evidence against Mrs. Bonine is her own statement, which has been erroneously termed a "confession." Up to the time she made the statement, which was five days after the killing, the police had been unable to attach more than a suspicion against her. She said that the only reason she had not divulged her terrible secret before was her desire to protect the names of her two innocent children, adding that she had spoken only to remove suspicions that had been directed against other women living in the Hotel Kenmore.

Mrs. Bonine has never admitted that she murdered Ayres. Her story, which she will again voluntarily repeat on the witness stand, is that Ayres, in his own room, to which she had gone at his invitation in order to settle some differences between them, threatened her with his revolver, and, to defend her honor, she grappled with him. In the scuffle the weapon was discharged, one or more times. She was too excited to remember how many shots were fired. When Ayres fell to the floor, she with him, his life blood gushing over her, she found that the revolver was in her own hand.

Realizing the fatality of escaping (Continued on second page.)

SENATOR DEPEW'S WEDDING WILL TAKE PLACE ON CHRISTMAS DAY.



MISS MAY PALMER.

New York, Nov. 18.—(Spl.)—Senator Chauncey M. Depew is to be married on Christmas day.

In announcing this fact today the Senator said: "The ceremony will take place in Paris, and I will have to move lively to get there on time; but on time, I will be. I am no laggard bridegroom."

"It will be a trip of nearly half

around the world for me between now and then. I am due in Charleston, S. C., to speak at the opening of its fair on Dec. 1. Then I go to Washington for the Senate's opening and will stay there until adjournment on Dec. 16. Then I will hurry to New York and board the steamship for France, Dec. 18.

"That should get me to Paris on the 24th, and on the following day, God willing, Miss May Palmer will do me



SENATOR CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW.

the honor of becoming Mrs. Chauncey Mitchell Depew.

"We shall some halcyon to New York soon after the ceremony, and I shall have an establishment in Washington, but only during the time the Senate is in session.

"Our home will be in New York, for there is no other spot in the world so cheerful, so home-like, so comfortable, so amusing and so eminently satisfying."

A NET

Woven About a Policeman.

Arrested For Murder of Lena Renner.

Sensational Turn In Evansville Mystery.

Evansville, Ind., Nov. 18.—(Spl.)—Wilbur S. Sherwell, a police officer, was arrested this morning by Coroner John P. Walker and formally charged with the murder of Lena Renner, a beautiful girl of Half World, whose dead body was found face down in a ditch on Slaughter ave., last week.

The case against Sherwell is purely circumstantial, but Coroner Walker and his deputy, Matt Perry, have woven a net of incrimination about him that will require the strongest possible alibi to break down.

LOCKJAW

And Death Followed Compulsory Vaccination.

Camden, N. J., Nov. 18.—(Spl.)—The compulsory vaccination of school children has been followed by eight cases of lock-jaw, six of which were fatal, and this fact has brought fear and anger to parents of thousands of school children here. Fear arises for the safety of the little ones, and anger over the arbitrary ordinance is intense.

IN CABIN RUINS

United States Marshals Were Found Dead.

Oxford, Miss., Nov. 18.—(Spl.)—John and Hugh Montgomery, both deputy United States marshals, were found dead yesterday in the ruins of a cabin owned by Will Mathis, 12 miles from the city. Their skulls had been crushed in, and the house apparently fired to hide the evidence of the crime.

Will Mathis, who is now being pursued by a posse of citizens, was wanted by the federal authorities on the charge of counterfeiting.

ESCAPING

Gas Endangered Life.

Roy Goard Found Unconscious.

Two Physicians Restored His Senses

Gas escaping from a furnace nearly asphyxiated several persons at the private boarding house of Mrs. Rachel Milligan, 115 South Prospect st., Sunday morning. Roy Goard was unconscious when discovered and two physicians worked with him for some time before he was out of danger.

The gas was left burning in the furnace Saturday night. In some way the flame was extinguished and the escaping vapor found its way through the registers to all parts of the house. Besides Roy Goard, James McBeth

and Fred Hill were affected by the gas. Miss Clara Javens was also partially overcome.

WOMAN SENT TO PRISON.

Miss Marie Eastwick Given a Six Months' Sentence.

London, Nov. 18.—(Spl.)—Miss Eastwick of Philadelphia, who was arrested early in September for attempting to swindle a London stock broker by raising stock certificates, was sentenced to Old Bailey court today to serve six months in the second division prison.

BOND

Given by John W. Mulford.

The Grand Jury Will Take Up the Case.

Columbus, O., Nov. 18.—(Spl.)—John M. Mulford was arraigned in Police Court this morning on three charges of embezzlement, three of forgery, and one of perjury. All of the offenses were committed, it is alleged, while the defendant was serving as secretary of the American Insurance Union.

On all charges Mr. Mulford waived examination and was bound over to the grand jury which meets in January. His bond was fixed at \$8,000, and was signed by eight prominent business men.

Mulford still refuses to make a statement, preferring to wait until the case is heard in court.

MARRIED

Early Monday Morning.

Chief Durkin and Bride Away on a Two-Weeks' Tour.

Chief of Police John F. Durkin and Miss Elizabeth Tulley, of 2054 McCoy st., were married at 5 o'clock Monday morning by Father Joseph Clark, of St. Mary's church. Immediately after the Chief and his bride left for Cleveland. They will be absent from Akron two weeks, on their wedding trip. Upon their arrival in Akron they will begin housekeeping in the residence on East Exchange st., recently purchased by Chief Durkin.

During the absence of the Chief his position is being filled by Captain Gulliet.

MADDEN

Defends Gus Ruhlin's Action.

"I Threw Up the Sponge to Save Him"

From Further Punishment, Says Billy.

A Direct Statement Concerning the 'Frisco Battle.

Early Saturday morning the Democrat telegraphed Gus Ruhlin in San Francisco, asking him to wire at once a statement to his Akron friends, concerning the result of the fight. The following was received at 5:45 p. m. Saturday, too late for publication in that day's paper:

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 18.—Ruhlin went out in the country this morning. He is not hurt. He was weakened in the fight principally by body punches, some of them being lower than the rules allow. I saw that his chances last night were hopeless after the third round. I threw up the sponge to save him from punishment in the cause of humanity, after the fifth round was fought. He did not fight as well as he can, and has done in previous battles. The importance of the battle made him over-anxious. He changed his fighting attitude to a half-crouch instead of boxing as he usually does in an easy position.

BILLY MADDEN.

New York, Chicago and Cincinnati papers are inclined to criticize Ruhlin severely for his quitting the fight. There seems to be no question but that he was frightened. It is not believed that Ruhlin thinks of retiring from the ring, though it is certain that he has saved a good deal of money and would be able to go into other business if he liked.

The receipts from the San Francisco contest were a little over \$30,000. of this the fighters will get 55 per cent, or \$22,700. Jeff takes the long end, or \$10,800, while Ruhlin will get \$5,800 as the price of the beating he received.

PROPOSITION

Of Value to Robbers.

It Is Contained in a Circular at Police Headquarters.

Do robbers now do business as an organized company, with a president, secretary and agents? By a circular received by Akron police Monday it would seem that W. D. Burd, of Black Rock, Ark., believes they do. Under the caption of "A Business Proposition," he announces that he would like to place himself in communication with the agents of the robbers who stole a valuable collection of pearls from a bank at Black Rock. He states that he will make the communication profitable to the robbers, and ask no questions, or cause no arrests, if the pearls are returned.

FACE BURNED.

Officer Doerler Injured by a Small Explosion.

An explosion of gas at his home, 810 South High st., Monday morning, seriously burned the face of Officer Chas. Doerler. He is not on duty today. The accident occurred while he was lighting the gas in a stove.

POLICE AUTHORITY.

Diamond Rubber Co.'s Night Watchman Wants It.

Clarence Marshall, night watchman at the plant of the Diamond Rubber Co., wants the City Commissioners to increase his authority by making him a special policeman. He claims that with this authority he may often render assistance to the regular police.

SIGNED.

Isthmian Canal Treaty a Fact.

Bill For Building of Big Ditch

Will be Introduced in Coming Congress.

United States to Control the Canal.

Washington, Nov. 18.—(Spl.)—As outlined in these dispatches the Isthmian Canal treaty was signed at 12:05 this afternoon in the Diplomatic chamber of the State Department by Lord Pauncefoot, Ambassador for Great Britain, and John Hay, Secretary of State, for the United States. The ceremony was entirely without formality.

The Isthmian Canal Commission has closed its offices, having today reported to the President. The Panama canal is a dead issue. It is expected that a bill will be presented to Congress this session calling for an appropriation of \$20,000,000 a year for ten years to build the Nicaraguan canal.

The new Isthmian Canal treaty, which will not be made public before its presentation to the Senate, is said to contain a clause which allows the United States to control, maintain and defend the canal, and close it in time of war against ships of any nation with which it is at war.

GEMS

Secured by Thieves in a Portland Hotel.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 18.—(Spl.)—F. Lowenthal, a diamond broker from New York, was robbed of diamonds, valued at \$10,000 and gold worth \$200 in the Portland hotel last night. There are no clues.

The Weather: RAIN OR SNOW TONIGHT AND TUESDAY.

EARLDOM

Will be Conferred as Compliment to Hebrews.

Birmingham, Eng., Nov. 18.—(Spl.)—The Post today says that among the honors conferred at the time of King Edward's coronation, will be an Earldom on Lord Rothschild, the well known banker. The honor, the paper says, will be conferred as a compliment to the Hebrew community.

The Gathmann Gun Will be Tested Further...

Inventor Will Not Acknowledge Defeat.



THE GATHMANN GUN, ITS BREECH AND THE TARGET.

New York, Nov. 18.—(Spl.)—The second trial of the Gathmann gun Saturday and its failure to do what was expected of it was a great disappointment to Inventor Gathmann, although he claims a partial victory—enough to warrant more tests. He has worked a dozen years on his invention which is to fire gun-cotton bombs which will not explode in the air, but against the object which they strike. If this could be accomplished he argues, a battle ship could be blown to splinters from stem to stern.

Regarding the tests of Friday and Saturday the Herald says: As a result of the experiments Mr. Gathmann admits that, while his shell has not done all he claims for it, he still believes that it has shown sufficient merit to warrant further trials. He

says that if these shells had been exploded against the side of a battleship

sufficient to put the vessel out of ac-

tion. The ordnance experts who witnessed the test differ, and say that

the result was normal only, and that practically the same effect would have been produced had the shell been filled with sand instead of gun cotton.

To illustrate this belief they will today fire a Gathmann shell filled with sand at the target and note the effect upon the plate. The ordnance men assert furthermore, that the one armor piercing projectile that went through the plate which the army 12-inch rifle attacked on Friday did far more damage to the plate and wrought greater destruction to the cofferdam and backing than did the three shells fired from the Gathmann gun. This projectile was not a shell proper. It is described as a cored shot—an almost solid missile, with a chamber carrying a small sized, but intensely powerful explosive. This missile cut through the 11½ inches of steel armor and tore into little bits the cofferdam and backing.